

STILLWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Notice: These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes are on file with the Clerk and Recorder MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b).

REGULAR MEETING - November 5, 2019

Present: Commissioners Mark Crago, Chair, Tyrel Hamilton Dennis Shupak, Members; Mark Schriener Road and Bridge Superintendent, Jerry Friend Treasurer, Randy Smith Undersheriff, Doreen Stockdale and Marlo Provonost of Stillwater County News, and community members Arleene Wepler, Shirlee Keffer, Theresa Comfort, Mike Borseth and Carl Gausted.

Pledge: Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda: Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the agenda. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES Minutes from October 29, 2019 were presented. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes of October 29, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEM

1) Commissioners

A) DNRC Invoice Absarokee Sewer RSID 5&7 \$31,902.25.

2) Road and Bridge

A) Letter to Commission Clarifying whom is responsible for Woodard Avenue/

FILE ITEMS

1) Road and Bridge

A) TSEP Emergency Grant Forms

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to consent to the consent items and to file the file items. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1) Commissioners

A) Close Public Hearing RSID #9 and RSID #9M Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to close the Hearing on RSID #9 and RSID #9M. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously

2) Old Hospital Building

A) Demolition or Renovation Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** demolish the Old Hospital building. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Discussion; Commissioner Hamilton stated that he knows of and has participated in several public meetings where the building was discussed and there was a lack of support to keep or renovate the building. Commissioner Shupak stated that he would like to see if there is any interest in someone purchasing the building before the decision to demolish the building is made. Commissioner Crago stated that from a Contractors perspective the cost would be prohibitive to remodel the building versus tearing it down and building new. Motion passed 2 to 1 with Commissioner Shupak voting Nay

B) Demolition Bid decision Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to award the Demolition Bid to Gairrett Excavating of Columbus Mt. in the amount of \$258,020.00. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously

3) Road and Bridge

A) TSEP Emergency Grant Forms were presented. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to sign the paperwork for submittal. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously

Public Comments: Shirlee Keffer read a statement she had prepared into the record; In review of the proposed costs relating to the three concepts of facilities all registered property owners need to be notified for the following reasons;
Property taxed could go up
The County Library building is set at 2 million dollars
You want to move the fairgrounds
If Courthouse is to be saved, then focus on that property for any complex for offices.
The Commissioners have thrown the Old Hospital under the bus. Should the same opinion apply to the Courthouse?
What is the current rental Cost of the three services; District Judge, Victim Witness and the Weed Department? Are any reimbursements being received for any of those services?
Proposing to enlarge County government if the Museum becomes a part of the County.

Commissioner Crago asked if there were any other comments to be heard. With no further public comments Commissioner Crago thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

With all the projects going on taxes are going up and the middle-class people will not be able to afford their property.

Arlene Wepppler inquired when the road study for Ryegate will be done?

Commissioner Hamilton explained the study is to be done next year. Mrs. Wepppler went on that ask

if this was being done jointly with the Golden Valley Commissioners and how often the Commissioner are driving Roads? She also requested that the minutes be timelier on the website Commissioner Hamilton stated that he has driven the Roads when he started his term and 1 other time recently.

Treasurer Jerry Friend announced that Drivers License services will not be available this week.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Crago adjourned the regular meeting at 9:22 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder